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HAN Sung-chu
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Minister of Foreign Affairs
(since February 1993)

Addressed as: Mr. Minister

An internationally known scholar, Han Sung-chu is one of four career academicians on President Kim Yong-sam's cabinet-level foreign policy team. Han is a US specialist who received a Ph.D. from Berkeley—where he also taught—in 1970. He developed experience on North-South unification issues while serving as an adviser on inter-Korean Red Cross talks during the mid-1980s. Immediately after he became Foreign Minister, Han named the North Korean nuclear program, South Korean-Japanese relations, and trade issues as the three most pressing priorities facing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Han has told the South Korean press that his nonbureaucratic background will help him eliminate redtape and unnecessary protocol procedures from MFA.

Han was born on 13 September 1940 in Seoul. While earning a bachelor's degree in political science from Seoul National University, he worked as a broadcaster and news director for the Korean International Broadcasting Station's English-language program during the early 1960s. He received an M.A. in political science from the University of New Hampshire in 1964. Han was a summer intern for the United Nations Special Fund the following year. After studying and teaching at Berkeley, he served as an assistant professor and then as an associate professor at Brooklyn College of the City of New York during 1970-78. He was a professor of political science at Korea University



from 1978 until his appointment as Foreign Minister. Han was a visiting professor at Columbia during 1986-87.

While serving as a professor Han received numerous honors and appointments, including those of director of Korea University's Asiatic Research Center (1982-86), director of the Korean Political Science Association (1982-early 1993), distinguished fellow at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (1986-87), and Executive Committee member of the International Political Science Association (1988-early 1993). He has been a columnist for *Newsweek International* since 1984. In 1992 he served as a discussant with William F. Buckley on the television program *Firing Line*.

Han is married and has a son. Han's name is sometimes transliterated as Han Sung Joo.

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